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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Bernardston,
in the County of Franklin:*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bernardston, on Monday, the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2d. To hear and act upon the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School, and all other Committees.

Art. 3d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 4th. To choose one School Committee for 3 years.

Art. 5th. To choose six Trustees of Powers Institute.

Art. 6th. To choose four Trustees of Cushman Library.

Art. 7th. To act upon a List of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

Art. 8th. To vote "Yes or No" on the question, shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 9th. To see if the town will vote to instruct its Treasurer to borrow money upon the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

Art. 10th. To raise money for all necessary expenses of the town, and make appropriations of the same, or pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 11th. To determine the method of repairing the highways and bridges.

Art. 12th. To see what method the town will adopt to support its paupers the ensuing year.

Art. 13th. To see what method the town will adopt in the collection of taxes, or pass any vote in relation thereto.

Art. 14th. To see what action the town will take in regard to ventilating its public buildings.

Art. 15th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at School District No. 3, in said town, said posting to be seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

A. M. STRATTON, } Selectmen of
M. L. CORBETT, } Bernardston.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Number polls assessed,	224
Persons “	334
Acres land assessed,	13994
Dwellings “	215
Horses “	222
Sheep “	510
Swine “	128
Cows “	568
Cattle other than cows,	305
Dogs registered,	56
Value of real estate,	\$309,345 00
Value personal estate,	\$78,865 00
Amount of tax assessed,	5162 95
Rate of taxation per \$1000,	12 00

APPROPRIATION FOR 1889.

Support of poor,	\$800 00
Highways and bridges,	800 00
Incidentals,	500 00
Schools,	1200 00
Principal of Powers Institute,	850 00
Repairing school house,	150 00
Cushman Hall,	150 00
Cushman Library,	75 00
Memorial day,	25 00
Ventilating Town Hall,	25 00
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	\$4575 00

VALUATION AND TAX.

	<i>Poll Tax.</i>	<i>Stock in Trade.</i>	<i>Money at Interest</i>	<i>Personal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Exempt.</i>	<i>Total Tax.</i>
Alexander, Alvin					\$775	\$500	\$3 30
Aldrich, Moses & Son, 4				528	2270		37 58
Atherton, S. H. & Son, 4				410	2065		
Aldrich, S. H. & Son, 4				382	2350		36 78
Aldrich, Abby B.					150	500	1 80
Allen, Paul J. 2					800		11 60
Allen, Luke F. 2				117	750		12 40
Allen, J. H. 2					60	500	2 60
Adams, Benj. 2				100			3 20
Aldrich, Charles, 2							2 00
Blake, Nelson, Mrs.					200	500	2 40
Bagg, Rosella F.					95	500	1 14
Browne, A. C. 2				2144	4325		79 63
Browne, I. K. 2				248	1700		25 38
Burke, Alvena, Mrs.		600			825		17 10
Boyle, E. J. 2				60	700		11 12
Brown, Jason					900		10 80
Bagg, James M. 2				150	1500		21 80
Burrows, Charles 2							2 00
Burrows, E. C. 2				175	1000		16 10
Bagg, Charles H. 2				118	1060		16 14
Barber, Stillman & Son, 4				401	3100		46 01
Bowker, Charles 2		100		200	800		14 00
Bardwell, Mary, Mrs.					400	500	4 80
Bardwell, Fred W. 2							2 00
Baker, John B. 2					50		2 60
Burrows, Frank H. 2				730	4050		59 36
Bassett, Moses 2					75		2 90
Burrows, Baxter T. 2				423	1775		28 38
Bagg, Henry A. 2				90	975		14 78
Bixby, George H. 2				195	1310		20 06
Barber, Gilbert & Son. 4				359	865		18 69

	<i>Foil Tax.</i>	<i>Stock in Trade.</i>	<i>Money at Interest</i>	<i>Personal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Exempt.</i>	<i>Total Tax.</i>
Brooks, Arthur C., Mrs.				110	1050		13 92
Banks, J. L.	2				1350		18 20
Brooks, Arthur C.	2						2 00
Bliss, James O.	2	1800		150			25 40
Beebeau, George	2						2 00
Baird, Andrew W.	2			100			3 20
Burrows, Levi	2			66	625		10 29
Blanchard, C. D.	2						2 00
Bixford, S. G.	2						2 00
Cushman, Lathrop	2			25	1500		20 30
Cushman, P. L.	2			860	5675		80 42
Cunable, Samuel					1270		15 24
Chapin, C. Louise					1600		19 20
Chapin, S. W.	2			35	1500		20 42
Chapin, Jenneth						765	
Clark, William	2			8			2 10
Clark, Jarvis	2						2 00
Cushman, J. F.	2			50	1010		14 72
Crowell, R. L., & Son	4	3000		3225	2250		69 70
Cobleigh, S. B., Mrs.					455	500	5 49
Chapin, Patience L., Mrs.					125	500	1 50
Chapin, Albert G.	2			399	3475		48 49
Chase, Fred B.	2			353	2280		29 04
Cushman, R. S.	2			40	1850		24 64
Cushman, H. C., Son	4			1173	6775		99 38
Chapin, Harriet L.					1300		15 60
Cuttler, Joel				25	320	500	4 14
Clark, Henry M.	2			125			3 50
Clark, Darwin J.	2			215	685		12 80
Clark, Justin M.	2			245	1400		21 74
Clogston, H. W.	2			385	2900		41 42
Chapin, John W.	2			125	725		12 20
Corbett, M. L.	2			849	3000		48 19
Chapin, David	2			375	1300		22 10
Chapin, George D.	2			510	2075		33 02
Chapin, L. T.	2						2 00
Chapin, Edgar A.	2						2 00
Crafts, Lewis T.	2						2 00
Cronyn, David	2			50	1325		18 50
Cook, C. O.	2				425		7 20

	<i>Poll Tax.</i>	<i>Stock in Trade.</i>	<i>Money at Interest</i>	<i>Personal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Exempt.</i>	<i>Total Tax.</i>
Dickinson, Obid	2				1000		14 00
Dickinson, E. N.	2						2 00
Dewey, Joel N.	2			69	2225		29 53
Davenport, M. V.	2			265	850		15 38
Dennison, Horace	2			448	800		16 98
Dennison, A. L.	2			465	925		18 68
Dennison, W. S.	2			262	2220		27 34
Dennison, B. F.	2						2 00
Day, Josiah T.	2		500	500	1325		23 90
Dunklee, George A.	2						2 00
Deane, Charles W.	2			25			2 36
Doolittle, Edwin	2			471	6594		73 59
Dennison, Fred B.	2						2 00
Field, John B.	2			265	1450		22 58
Field, John E. B.	2			200	800		14 00
Frizzell, Fred M.	2			200	1750		25 46
Ferry, Ward A.	2						2 00
Field, Edmond L.	2			210	1520		22 76
Frizzell, C. H.	2						2 00
Ferry, Aretas' estate		3500	3800	11000			177 60
Green, Benjamin	2			100	765		12 38
Green, George T.	2				900		12 80
Guillow, C. T.				100	945		12 54
Grout, L. B.	2				475		7 70
Green, Elon R. estate				20	2000		24 24
Green, B. F.	2			258	1520		23 34
Gould, L. H. estate		3000		3040			36 48
Grant, George W.	2			120	520		9 68
Gilkey, Asa.	2			104	1850		25 45
Grout, H. D.	2		1700				22 40
Gray, O. W.	2			200	5900		75 20
Hale, J. F.	2			581	3200		47 37
Hale, E. C. & Son	4			572	2875		45 36
Hale, Fred L.	2						2 00
Harris, R. A.	2			25			2 30
Harris Catharine				125	1700		21 90
Hale, Almond D.	2			369	1525		24 73
Hale, James M.	2			400			6 80
Hale, A. T.	2			488			7 86
Hale, J. M. & A. T.					3425		41 10
Hulburt, E. S.	2			40	2470		32 12
Hulburt, E. S. & Co.		800			2000		33 60

	<i>Poll Tax.</i>	<i>Stock in Trade.</i>	<i>Money at Interest</i>	<i>Personal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Exempt.</i>	<i>Total Tax.</i>
Hale, Lorenzo & Son	4			531	1800		31 97
Hale, John V.	2		500	550	1480		26 36
Hale, Hartley	2	800		1596	9625		136 65
Hills, C. R.	2			610	3375		49 82
Hale, Sidney C.	2			175	800		13 70
Hare, Albert L.	2			75	1450		20 30
Hare, Albert T.	2						2 00
Hoyt, S. B.	2			250	2400		33 80
Hale, Lorin	2				575		8 90
Hale, Warren M.	2			95	800		12 74
Hinsdale, Fanny & Emily				100	2200		27 60
Hale, Edwin W.	2			50			2 60
Hale, Cyrus W.				80	690		9 24
Hale, Benjamin F.	2			208	665		12 48
Howes, E. E.	2			145	1050		16 34
Hale, C. W.	2						2 00
Hale, Samuel L.	2						2 00
Harris, W. L.	2			830	4680		68 12
Hale, Lizzie M.			500				6 00
Johnson, George	2						2 00
Jenkins, W. L.	2						2 00
Kenney, Martin	2				775		11 30
Kenney, A. L.			300				5 60
Kimplin, Florence	2			170			4 04
Keet, Henry S.	2						2 00
Kenney, George	2						2 00
Leonard Bartholomew	2			50	125		4 10
Lamphere, J. F.				84	350		5 21
Lamphere, George E.	2						2 00
Marsh, E. J.	2						2 00
Marsh, Frank E.	2			752	3165		49 00
Moorse, Enoch estate					930		11 16
Minor, Austin				125			1 50
Merrifield, C. N.	2			100	700		11 60
Merrifield, F. S.	2			225			4 70
Merrifield, C. F.	2						2 00
Merrifield, Frank	2						2 00
Major, Frank	2						2 00

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Maynard, Martin	2			80	625		10 46
Martindale, E. C.	2			295			5 54
Malory, Fred	2						2 00
Newton, Allen D.	2						2 00
Nash, Joel H.	2						2 00
Nash, Lydia Mrs.					700		8 40
Newcomb, W. H.	2		135	1000			15 62
Newcomb, Mary Mrs.			90	700			9 48
Newell, Margaret Mrs.				680			8 16
Nelson, William, estate				1350			16 20
Newton, G. T.	2		648	3250			48 78
Norton, Hiram	2		25	600			9 50
Norton, Frank P.	2						2 00
Nichols, W. E.	2		125	950			14 90
Nelson, M. R. & Son,	4		774	2350			41 43
Newton, Isaac,	2						2 00
Newell, B. C.,	2		29				2 35
Newsted, George,	2						2 00
Newsted, John,	2						2 00
Oaks, Gardner,	2		300	3800			51 20
Parmenter, Geo. M.,	2						2 00
Park, R. R.,	2		70	1100			16 04
Persons, Edgar S.,	2		407	2850			41 08
Park, F. R.,	2		106				3 27
Park, F. R., Mrs.				800			9 60
Park, Reuben,	2		570	2225			35 54
Putnam, Israel,			141	250	500		4 69
Phillips, Israel, Mrs.,				350	500		4 20
Pratt, James H.,	2		20	725			10 94
Parmilee, J. H.,	2			650			9 80
Porter, H. N.,	2			490			7 88
Parker, C. W.,	2		261	365	600		9 51
Poulter, Geo. E.,	2		150	800			13 40
Packar, Willard,	2		100	1475			20 90
Pratt, David,	2			375			6 50
Pierce, W. H.,	2		250				5 00
Park, Joseph,	2		75				2 90
Parmenter, George,	2		25	400			7 10
Ryther, W. E.,	2		245	3300			44 54

	<i>Poll Tax.</i>	<i>Stock in Trade.</i>	<i>Money at Interest</i>	<i>Personal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Exempt.</i>	<i>Total Tax.</i>
Ryther Martha C.,			300				3 60
Ryther, Loren,	2			75			2 90
Ryther, Loren, Mrs.,					300		3 60
Ryther, Herbert L.,	2						2 00
Reed, Benjamin W.,	2			125			3 50
Root, Henry O.,	2			609	3400		50 11
Ryther, M. J. & Son	4			331	1400		24 77
Rice, J. A. & Son,	4				2600		35 20
Randall, Henry	2						2 00
Slate, Sylvestus	2			110	740		12 20
Slate, J. M. & Son	4			700	2750		45 40
Slate, Henry	2			221	2200		31 05
Slate, Marshall				43	1025		12 82
Sprague Stillman				132	850		11 78
Sprague, W. S.	2						2 00
Sprague, L. H.	2			144	1900		26 53
Slate, Josephus		250					3 00
Streeter, David D.				25	2125		25 80
Streeter, H. E.					1030		12 36
Scott, A. H.					150	300	1 80
Stratton, E. D.	2			190			4 28
Society, Methodist					600		7 20
Society, 1st Congregational					1500		18 00
Society, Congregational					775		9 30
Stratton, W. A.	2 500			800	1250		26 60
Smith, Jesse S.					5500		6 60
Slate, George A.	2						2 00
Slate, Lewis A.	2			700	4175		60 50
Streeter Harvey D.	2						2 00
Streeter, Wilbur C.	2			65			2 78
Streeter, Carroline					365	500	4 38
Sanderson, E. Herbert	2			150			3 80
Sanderson, John	2	20000	20645	8400			350 54
Sandin, Abby, Mrs.					325	500	3 90
Summers, William	2			100	1000		15 20
Summers, W. L.	2						2 00
Summers, Frank L.	2						2 00
Slate, Jonathan					875		12 50
Slate, F. L.	2			146	1400		20 59
Slate, T. M. estate					225		2 70

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Stoddard, Levi A.	2			75	465		8 48
Smith, Samuel S.	2				500		8 00
Smith, William H.	2				350		6 20
Slate, Dwight L.	2						2 00
Standcliff, Millard	2		250				5 00
Standcliff, M. V.	2		480		1425		24 86
Slate, John D.					350	300	4 20
Standcliff, Charles	2		80				2 96
Stark, William	2		220				4 64
Scott, Alvah T.						200	
Streeter, James	2		145		990		15 62
Streeter, Erwin	2						2 00
Strong, David H.	2		100				3 20
Stone, Samuel	2		50				2 60
Tyler, George					100	500	60
Thompson, Charles C.	2		200		850		14 60
Thayer, Charles H.	2						2 00
Taintor, H. A.	2		100		2800		36 80
Tainter, H. A., Mrs.			381				4 57
Underwood, E. L.	2		225				4 70
Vinning, Emma A.						500	
Warner, A. B.	2		947		2400		42 16
Williams, Harris	2		685		4100		59 42
Weatherhead, L. M.					1500		18 00
Wells, Joseph	2		117		800		13 00
Whithead, L. F.	2		225		1100		17 90
Whithead, Marshal	2		125				3 50
Wilbur, Frank	2						2 00
Wilbur, Martha A			85		300		4 62
Wheeler, O. A.					1600		19 20
Wood, Andrew J.	2		145		2400		32 54
Wright, W. S.	2		115				3 38
Wright, Albert L.					800		9 60
Wells, Henry R.	2						2 00
Wells, Arthur F.	2		475		1575		26 60
Williams, L. F.	2						2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

	<i>Real Estate.</i>	<i>Tax.</i>
Allen, F. J.	\$ 200	\$ 2 40
Abercrombie, Robert	650	7 80
Aldrich, L. W.	100	1 20
Black, John H.	175	2 10
Black, Richard	100	1 20
Barton, L. G.	110	1 32
Barton, L. G. & Leonard	100	1 20
Bullock, Dwight	150	1 80
Boyle, W. A.	50	60
Bascomb, Frank	3300	39 60
Burrows, Nelson	1375	16 50
Brown, Lowell	400	4 80
Bragman, Charles	75	90
Chapin, John	20	24
Canning, J. D.	300	3 60
Cannable, S. C.	100	1 20
Cannedy, Peneal	150	1 80
Carson, Newton	30	36
Dean, Albert, estate	520	6 24
Dean, William	270	3 24
Dickinson, R. E. & N. T.	100	1 20
Denham, Henry Mrs.	1500	18 00
Dean, Lewis R.	925	11 10
Frizzell, Edward	50	60
Fox, E. B.	725	5 10
Green, O. B., estate	650	7 80
Guillow, Dorus, estate	40	48
Graves, J. L.	500	6 00
Hunt, Seth, Treasurer C. R. R. R.	2400	28 80
Hoyt, R. H.	100	1 20
Harris, Samuel	80	96
Howe, Lyman B.	50	60
Holton, Cyrus	550	6 60
Hale, Loree	750	9 00
Hastings, O.	1800	21 60
Hastings, W. E.	400	4 80
Hosmer, P. P.	850	10 20

	<i>Real Estate.</i>	<i>Tax.</i>
Hastings, L. L.	40	48
Heise, Charles Mrs.	125	1 50
Keet, R. S.	25	30
Kelley, Frank S.	25	30
Leonard, Horatio	70	84
Lyons, Samuel J.	100	1 20
Longwell, Charles	100	1 20
Maxwell, John	350	4 20
Munn, Charles	80	96
Maxwell & Childs	200	2 40
Osgood, E. C.	800	9 60
Purple, Hattie L. Mrs.	300	3 60
Parmalee, F. M.	80	96
Preston, J. L.	400	4 80
Park, Charles B.	465	5 58
Snow, Barnabas	550	6 60
Smith, Nathan, estate	300	3 60
Severance, Leonard	500	6 00
Stedson, John	200	2 40
Slate, Chauncey J.	150	1 80
Severance, Wells C.	75	90
Sprague, Martha Mrs.	3 75	4 50
Thayer, Solomon	1 50	1 80
Titcomb, W. W.	1050	12 60
Wild, Mary S.	850	10 20
Williams, S. G.	150	1 80

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. M. Stratton as road commissioner,	\$347 67
A. L. Dennison, labor,	48 86
James M. Bagg, labor and lumber,	17 20
W. A. Stratton, plank,	25 71
John W. Chapin, railings,	6 19
L. H. Gould, spikes and bolts,	3 22
R. L. Crowell, labor,	3 50
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	\$452 35

BURKE BRIDGE.

Paid P. F. Cunningham, stone work,	\$456 00
P. F. Cunningham, day labor,	41 21
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., for bridge,	550 00
F. I. Webster, cement,	12 00
W. N. Potter, “	14 85
A. M. Stratton, labor,	18 82
Fred M. Frezzell, “	6 00
B. C. Newell, “	4 95
M. V. Stadeliff, “	2 40
John W. Chapin, sawing lumber,	13 55
C. R. Hills, drawing “	15 00
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	\$1134 78

BUILDING WALL ON BROOK ROAD.

Paid A. L. Dennison, drawing stone, etc.,	\$41 05
James M. Bagg, laying stone,	7 00
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	\$48 05

FORTIFYING BURKE BRIDGE.

Paid C. R. Hills, drawing stone, etc.,	\$13 00
H. A. Slate, " "	3 25
Loren P. Chase, " "	2 00
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	\$18 25

LAYING TILE.

Paid A. M. Stratton, labor,	\$14 25
R. P. Whipple, tile,	33 00
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	\$47 25

TOWN HALL.

Paid A. H. Scott, sawing wood,	\$3 00
Joseph Park, putting in wood,	2 50
Henry Slate, tuning piano,	2 50
S. C. Connable, lumber and labor,	5 35
L. H. Gould, oil and sundries,	3 81
R. L. Crowell, matting and zinc,	22 65
Geo. R. Page, oil and sundries,	2 16
John W. Chapin, wood,	1 75
H. Porter, janitor,	40 00
Wm. Smith, "	20 00
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	\$103 72

PAUPERS.

Paid support of Julia Field,	\$169 46
Lewis Aldrich,	91 70
Wrisley family,	138 70
Mary A. Eudy,	64 59
Charles Dickinson,	137 91
Alvah P. Scott,	170 12
Mary Porter,	2 00
Wells family,	2 00
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	\$776 48

TRANSIENT.

Paid J. E. Goodrich, care tramps,	\$3 00
A. M. Stratton, “	5 40
Joel Peters, “	75
W. A. Stratton, wood,	1 00
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	\$10 15

INCIDENTALS.

Paid C. T. Bagnall, printing reports, 1889,	\$21 60
American Road Machine Co.,	17 20
J. A. Rice, painting guide boards,	12 00
Joel Nash, Memorial day,	25 00
Repairing and painting hearse,	40 87
J. P. Day, blacksmithing,	1 30
L. H. Gould, estate, freight, etc.,	3 62
A. D. Hale, sexton,	60 75
Geo. R. Page, bolts and nails,	1 46
R. L. Crowell, as justice,	2 75
Henry Slate, Town Treasurer,	35 00
Henry Slate, recording deaths, births and marriages,	17 25
Henry Slate, cash paid expressage,	3 45
“ “ checks, postage and stationery,	2 65
“ “ cash, tax bills,	2 75
A. C. Browne, services school com.,	20 00
E. B. Hale, “ “ “	29 50
Mrs. L. M. Hale, “ “ “	24 00
S. H. Atherton, collecting taxes,	55 00
A. M. Stratton, selectman and assessor,	58 50
“ “ overseer poor,	10 00
“ “ registrar,	5 00
“ “ postage, stationery,	2 00
M. L. Corbett, selectman and assessor,	61 25
“ “ overseer poor,	12 00
“ “ registrar,	5 00
“ “ postage and stationery,	2 00
Auditors,	6 00
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	\$537 90

POWERS INSTITUTE.

Paid E. L. Underwood, principal,	\$850 00
E. L. Underwood, chemicals,	17 53
L. W. Rice, binding books,	3 75
Nelson Burrows, insurance,	16 00
R. L. Crowell, glass, etc.,	1 52
Geo. E. Poulter, tuning piano,	2 00
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	\$890 80

EXPENSES FURNACE AND LABORATORY.

Paid J. E. Hubbard, furnace,	\$231 52
R. L. Crowell, cash paid and labor,	50 39
Charles Adams, labor,	24 00
John Chapin, lumber, &c.,	15 62
E. L. Underwood, services	3 59
C. R. Hills, drawing sand,	1 75
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	\$326 87

CUSHMAN HALL.

Paid P. L. Cushman, treasurer,	\$150 00
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CUSHMAN LIBRARY.

Paid S. B. Slate, treasurer,	\$75 00
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TAXES ABATED.

Lewis Crafts,	\$ 2 00
George Kenney,	2 00
John Newsted,	2 00
William Smith,	2 00
Erwin Streeter,	2 00
Samuel Stone,	2 00
Moses Bassett,	2 00
Dwight L. Slate,	2 00
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	\$16 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for incidentals,	\$ 537 90
“ town hall,	103 72
“ highways and bridges,	452 35
“ Burke bridge,	1134 78
“ building wall,	48 05
“ fortifying Burke bridge,	18 25
“ laying tile,	47 25
“ support poor,	786 63
“ Powers Institute,	40 80
“ Principal Powers Institute,	850 00
“ furnace expenses,	326 87
“ Cushman Hall,	150 00
“ Cushman Library,	75 00
“ taxes abated,	16 00
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	\$4587 60

A. M. STRATTON, } Selectmen of
M. L. CORBETT, } Bernardston.

Bernardston, Mass., Feb. 10, 1890.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and found them to be correct, all vouchers corresponding with the orders given upon the town treasurer.

IMLA K. BROWN,	}	Auditors.
HENDRICK A. SLATE,		

LIST OF JURORS PRESENTED FOR 1890.

Ransom L. Crowell,	Abbott C. Browne,
Henry C. Cushman,	Frederick M. Frizzell,
Aretas L. Dennison,	Albert B. Warner,
George H. Chapin,	Almond D. Hale,
Harris Williams,	John W. Chapin,
John E. B. Field,	Henry A. Bagg,
Galusha P. Newton,	E. Herbert Sanderson,
	Walter E. Nichols.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

March 4, 1889, cash on hand,	\$ 994 85
Received additional to bank tax,	13 05
“ auctioneer's license,	2 00
“ div. Franklin Co. Nat. Bank,	300 00
“ rent town hall,	15 00
“ corporation tax,	536 05
“ bank tax,	589 54
“ State school fund,	306 17
“ for old road scraper,	9 50
“ lumber from Burke bridge,	5 15
“ rent charity farm,	71 25
“ interest on town school fund,	43 00
“ State aid,	54 00
“ temporary loan,	1700 00
Amount of taxes assessed,	5162 95
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	\$9802 51

EXPENSES.

Paid State tax,	\$ 460 00
county tax,	744 12
temporary loans,	1700 00
interest on temporary loans,	33 52
State aid,	48 00
Selectmen's orders,	4587 60
School Committee's orders,	1763 69
Cash on hand and uncollected taxes,	465 58
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	\$9802 51

HENRY SLATE, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF POWERS INSTITUTE.

There has been no change in the corps of teachers at the Institute during the past year with the exception that Miss Sadie Fletcher has been second assistant a part of the time in place of Rosie Bowker who holds the position at the present, and the school work has gone on harmoniously and to the profit of all concerned.

The number of pupils in attendance for the spring term was forty-eight; for the fall term sixty-three; and for the winter term sixty-eight. The non-residents for the spring term were nineteen; for the fall term twenty-six; for the winter term twenty-five.

The names of those who graduated in June are Sadie H. Burrows, Clifford S. Chapin, Lucie B. Cushman, Theo. R. Cushman, Annie N. Grey of Bernardston; Mina J. Copeland, William S. Kemp of Coleraine; Chas. E. Dickenson of Greenfield; Emma B. Gilligan of Gill; and J. Neil Parker of Millers Falls.

The class in Physics, of the present year, following the custom of classes of previous years, present to the Institute as their memorial piece of apparatus, an Electric Incandescent Light of six candle power.

The sum of \$350 was appropriated for the introduction of furnace heat and other needed improvements. The furnace contract was placed for \$260 on a warranty that it should heat four rooms to 70° in zero weather; not having had such weather we

cannot say the test has been complete but are confident there is sufficient heating capacity to meet the terms of contract. It may be found necessary to have some further appliances that the heat may be under better control; this the company agree to do if needed. The advantages gained are more equal diffusion of heat than can possibly be gained by stoves; much less consumption of fuel and with less attention.

A new laboratory room at an expense of \$65 of the original appropriation, has been finished from the north end of the Hall, nicely lighted and quickly warmed from the furnace, having working benches and drawers, making it a model working room for the young chemist. With these advantages Prof. Underwood reports the best advancement he has ever had in this department of science.

The contract with Principal Underwood expires next June and the selection of a Principal for Powers Institute will be, as it always has been, an important matter for the people of Bernardston. During the five years which the Institute has been under the charge of Mr. Underwood harmony has always existed between the Principal and the trustees, and we consider him to be one of the best instructors Powers Institute has ever had.

Respectfully submitted for the trustees.

H. A. SLATE, President.

E. B. HALE, Secretary.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF CUSHMAN LIBRARY

1889.		
April 3,	brought over from last year,	\$ 38 25
Oct. 6,	received July dividend from fund,	50 00
Dec. 31,	“ of O. W. Gray for book sold,	1 00
1890.		
Jan. 4,	received of January dividend from fund,	50 00
“ 21,	“ P. L. Cushman, Cushman Hall Fund,	100 00
Feb. 7,	“ town of Bernardston, appropriation,	75 00
	Total receipts,	<hr/> \$314 25

EXPENDITURES FOR SAME TIME.

1889.		
June 18,	paid L. W. Rice, binding books and magazines,	\$22 55
Oct. 9,	paid Miss Nellie R. Haskell,	37 50
Dec. 13,	paid H. D. Noyes & Co., subscrip- tion to magazines,	35 40
1890.		
Jan. 13,	paid Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for volume 8 American Sheep,	6 50
Jan. 13,	paid E. H. Homes & Co.. subscrip- tion to Literary World,	2 00
Jan. 13,	paid Henry D. Noyes & Co., bill of books,	59 48
Jan. 13,	paid O. W. Gray, for supplement to catalogue,	51 80
	Paid postage,	18
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		\$215 41
In hands of Treasurer, Feb. 8th, 1860,		98 84
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		\$314 25

S. B. SLATE, Treasurer.

**REPORT OF CUSHMAN HALL COMMIT-
TEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB.
17, 1890.**

RECEIPTS.

Balance of last year,	\$118 40
Received town appropriation,	150 00
“ Henry W. Cushman, estate,	200 00
“ Sale of grass, 1888,	20 00
	<hr/> \$488 40

EXPENSES.

Paid grading park, repairing bridges and brook,	\$34 87
2 cords manure,	8 00
Cost of well,	13 30
Lumber for building,	31 75
Carpenters' work,	19 60
Paint and painting,	13 11
For barn,	1 75
R. L. Crowell, labor,	24 75
H. Hale, lumber, (1888)	1 68
R. P. Whipple, tin gutters for Hall,	15 10
2 points for pump,	5 00
1 trap,	1 50
Other material,	1 30
Whipple's labor,	10 10
For stone and labor,	2 05
H. N. Porter, painting,	11 50
Luke Allen,	1 50
For 1 door,	2 75
Hinges and nails,	26
Insurance,	30 00

Cost of storm door,	10 95
E. L. Underwood, lumber and bolts,	2 30
H. Hale, lumber, (old bill,)	2 98
W. W. Davis, for lecture,	7 14
Rev. Mr. Thomas, “	15 00
Rev. Mr. Free, “	12 00
Granville Wardwell, for lecture,	15 00
Mr. Smith, “	20 00
Rev. Mr. McRenrie, “	50 00
Local expenses for lectures,	4 00
S. B. Slate, Treasurer of Cushman Library,	100 00
Balance in Treasury,	19 16
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	\$488 40
In treasury on Park account,	\$26 63
“ on Hall “	8 53
Overpaid on lecture “	16 00

Bernardston, Feb. 17. 1890.

P. L. CUSHMAN, Treasurer.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In submitting the annual School Report we have no disposition to indulge in, nor see any necessity for individual criticisms upon any of the teachers.

We have taken occasion during the year to discuss the ordinary merits or defects of each school before it—either during its progress or at its close; and to counsel, encourage and advise the teachers, and to correct their faults while the correction would be of service to themselves and the schools under their care.

The teacher's position in regard to disobedient and wilful pupils is always a difficult and perplexing one. There are instances where the good of the child and the welfare of the school require the sternest discipline, and then it is the teacher's right as well as duty to resort to such measures as will maintain her authority. Nor is a teacher's authority over her pupils confined to what is done in the school room or even within the school grounds. Section 1 of Chapter 44 of the Public Statutes, states "that the teacher may exercise full control over the pupils at any time while they are on any part of the school premises, that if the children in coming to school, or in going from it to their homes, quarrel on their way or are willfully tardy, or use indecent or profane language, or in any way by their conduct injure the good order and discipline of the school, the teacher may take notice of such conduct by subjecting the offender to such treatment as will have a tendency to prevent a repetition of the offense."

One of the most direct and powerful influences which is constantly acting upon the welfare of the schools in making them successful or the reverse, is that exercised by parents over their children at home. A word carelessly spoken respecting the management or instruction of the teacher, frequently completely destroys the influence of the teacher over the scholar. A child un-

der such influence soon loses all respect for his teacher, becomes careless in his deportment, loses interest in his studies and is indifferent to all school duties.

On the subject of irregular attendance the committee can add nothing to the force of argument and expostulations which they have hitherto so frequently employed. The prevailing influenza will probably detract largely from the attendance and success of the schools for the past term.

The subject of ventilation of school houses is being agitated quite extensively in the State. Fresh air is not secured in most of the school rooms without unpleasant draughts that are the occasion of colds, catarrhs, etc., which frequently seriously affect the health of children, especially those of weakly constitutions. It is an undeniable fact that there are few school houses that are properly ventilated, and one containing twenty-five scholars will soon be filled with fetid vapor and carbonic acid gas. Breathing this bad air makes peevish scholars and irritable teachers, and tends to weakness of lungs and other fatal diseases. A State police officer ordered the school house in District No. 2 to be ventilated according to plans submitted by him, but as it would take several hundred dollars, your committee thought best to wait until something more simple could be devised at less expense.

The list of books used in the schools has been revised the past year. The Lippincotts' Readers and Spellers had become an *old* story to both teachers and scholars. The New Franklin Reader and Harrington Speller were introduced at exchange prices, thereby incurring a less expense than would have been required to have replenished the old stock.

The school buildings in District No. 5 have been repaired at an expense somewhat more than was estimated they would cost, as is usually the case in repairing old buildings; but we feel that the repairs made are of a permanent character, and nothing further of any amount will have to be done for a number of years.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age May 1, 1889, 151.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

General appropriation,	\$1200 00
To repairs schoolbuildings, Dist. No. 5,	150 00
Income of Powers fund,	150 00
State school fund,	306 00
Town " "	43 00
Dog tax returned,	24 78
Books and supplies on hand March 1, 1889,	96 39
For sale of books,	1 15
Received from Gill,	6 00
	<hr/> \$1979 49

EXPENSES.

SALARIES.

No. 1.	Aimee Whithed,	\$246 00
" 2.	F. Belle Hare,	246 00
" 3.	Effie Bowker,	65 00
" 3.	Sadie A. Burrows,	138 00
" 4.	Ida Chapin,	214 00
" 5.	Elizabeth M. Chapin,	65 00
" 5.	Clifford Chapin,	143 00
" 6.	Olive Murray,	65 00
" 6.	Effie Bowker,	154 00
		<hr/> \$1336 00

FUEL.

Paid A. L. Wright,	No. 1,	\$14 25
A.B. Warner,	“ 2 and 3,	25 90
M. R. Nelson,	“ 4,	11 87
E. Doolittle,	“ 5,	9 00
Loren Ryther,	“ 6,	13 50
B.P.Burrows, (old bill),	“ 6,	1 00
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		\$75 52

CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Making fires.	No. 1,	3 00
Cleaning,	“	2 00
Making fires and sweeping,	No. 2,	6 00
Cleaning,	“	2 00
Making fires,	No. 3,	3 00
Cleaning,	“ 4,	2 50
Making fires,	“ 4,	2 00
“ “	“ 5,	3 00
Cleaning, (twice),	“ 5,	5 00
Making fires,	“ 6,	3 00
Cleaning, (twice)	“ 6,	3 25
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		\$34 75

REPAIRS.

District No. 5.

H. Hale, for Slate,	\$31 50
B. F. Hale, for slating,	12 00
J. M. Chapin, for lumber,	15 58
E. B. Hale, cash paid for laths, lime, hair, sand, stovepipe, nails, etc.,	6 50
Gardner Oakes, work,	7 27
Luke Allen & Son, work,	9 13
Clarence Hale, work,	7 00
E. Doolittle & Son,	7 25
E. B. Hale, drawing slate, sand, laths, lime, lumber, etc.,	15 50
E. J. Boyle, painting,	9 30
L. H. Gould, oil and nails,	5 02
Sheldon & Newcomb, paint,	9 67
Green & Vosburg, chair,	2 25
Vermont School Seat Co., seats and desks,	49 64
Freight on same,	3 02
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	\$190 63

District No. 1.

A. D. Hale, work,	\$ 2 00
J. A. Swasey, blackboards,	11 55
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	\$13 55

Total repairs,	<hr/> \$204 18
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid King & Merrill,	6 00
F. M. Ambrose,	1 86
Taintor Brothers,	16 98
A. C. Stockin,	11 83
Boston School Supply,	9 20
Report Cards,	75
L. H. Gould,	2 95
G. R. Paige,	2 81
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FURNISHING.

Paid H. E. Blount, 3 School Charts,	45 00	
" " 1 Globe,	25	
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INCIDENTALS.

Paid L. H. Gould, Merchandise,	1 61	
" " Commission,	2 00	
G. R. Paige, Merchandise,	1 60	
" " Commission,	2 50	
E. B. Hale, Express,	2 20	
" " " "	70	
" " Collecting and shipping		
old books,	2 50	
C. T. Bagnall, Order books,	2 50	
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RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of teachers,	\$1336 00	
Fuel,	75 52	
Care of school buildings,	34 75	
Repairs,	204 18	
Books and supplies,	52 38	
Furnishings,	45 25	
Incidentals,	15 61	
	<hr/>	\$1763 69
Total receipts,	\$1979 49	
" expenses,	1763 69	
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Balance,		
Books and supplies on hand,	54 00	
Due from Northfield,	6 00	

For the ensuing year it will be necessary to have :—

For salaries of teachers,	\$1400 00
Fuel,	90 00
Care of school buildings,	40 00
Repairs,	50 00
Books and supplies,	75 00
Furnishings,	50 00
Incidentals,	15 00
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	\$1720 00

The Committee therefore recommend that the Town appropriate \$1200 for the support of schools.

Very Respectfully,

E. B. HALE,	}	School Committee.
A. C. BROWNE,		
MRS. A. D. HALE,		



